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Mysuru, Friday 21st December 2018


# Disturbing Demographic Data

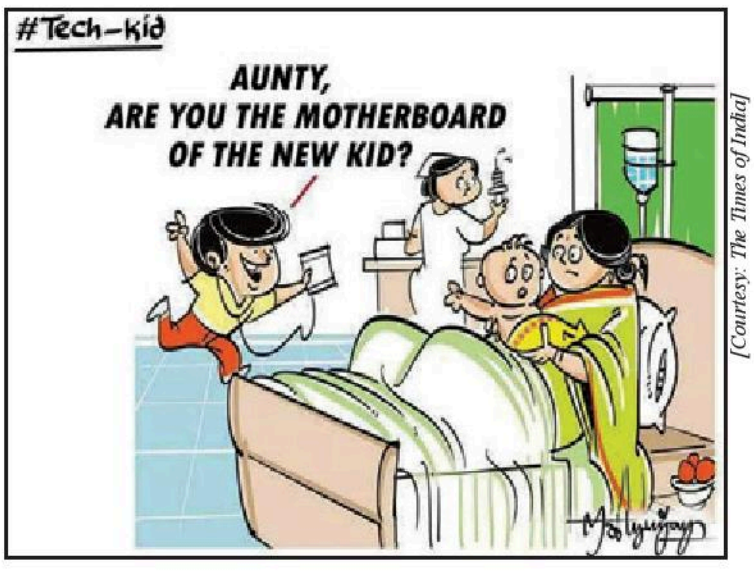
**Aspiring for *good* Governance on the part of the land's people and the extent to which its successive governments have measured upto that daunting task seem to have sidelined people's role in bridging the two aforementioned sides to the nation's *wellness*. In a certain sense, the country's people as a mass have been contributing *enormously* in a *negative* way by adding an unviable number of additional mouths to be fed year after year, looking the other way as it were at the already unmanageable population, earning the dubious distinction as the world's second most populous nation currently and heading to be the most populous by the year 2030. Has the land's mass taken the line from the scriptures that "Doing one's duty and not the result there of" seriously? (*Karmanye adhikaarasthe...*). In the context of unabating expansion of India's total headcount, one is obliged to take a peek at many relevant issues that demographers are the most qualified to debate and suggest measures. Focus in this column is on the age at which the land's women begin to bear children.**

**Families bugged by poverty and yet not limiting the number of children in their midst, a feature that was common until a few decades ago in all cross sections of the land's population seem to have witnessed perceptible change while some other features continue to keep the demographers engaged.**

**The frequently published demographic data on the share of urban and rural residents in the country's total population steadily raising the share of urbanities seems to gain credence due to one more less known feature, as revealed in a report published early this week in a widely circulated daily, namely, number of children born to teen mothers rising steadily and also that 79 percent of these teenage pregnancies were reported in *urban* areas. Experts say the internet plays a major role since it exposes teenagers to diverse cultures and teens now feel the compelling need to have boyfriends and girlfriends. Sociologists have observed that ignorance and poor judgement sometimes leads to unwanted pregnancies, the outcome of which needs no elaboration.**

**The legendary playwright T.P. Kailasam (1884-1946) known for his witticism, prophetically has said: "Familiarity leads to *family*arity" as if to be far ahead of times of sociologists of our times.**

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE




[Courtesy: The Times of India]

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Boeing 737 airplane turned into restaurant

Beijing: A Chinese businessman who turned a Boeing 737 airplace into a restaurant was recently unveiled in Wuhan. Named 'Lilly Airways,' the unique eatery is located in the cabin area of an old Boeing 737.

Businessman Li Liang acquired the aircraft from Indonesian airline Batavia Air, in May 2015. Li said that the Boeing 737 had to be disassembled a total of eight times in its four-month journey from Indonesia to Wuhan, China. Getting the plane split into parts that then had to be shipped multiple times apparently cost the eccentric businessman a whopping 3 million yuan ($452,325). Add that to the 5 million yuan ($5.28 million) he paid for the plane itself and you have one of the most expensive restaurants in the world.

### Girl without fingers wins hand-writing competition

Virginia: A seven-year-old girl born without fingers has won the National Hand-Writing Competition.

Anaya Ellick was born without hands, but she's mastered the art of writing by holding her pencil in between the ends of her arms. The adorable first-grader could have used prosthetics, but she chose to practice using her own arms instead and got so good at it that this year she actually won the Nicholas Maxim Special Award for Excellence in Manuscript Penmanship for beautiful writing.

Anaya competed against 50 other children and managed to win first place, a $1,000 prize and the respect of millions around the world. Her father says she likes to play soccer, do karate and gymnastics, and if she could win first prize at a penmanship competition despite having no hands, it's clear that she can do anything she sets her mind to.

## HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

### What are the side effects of diuretic pills?

Diuretic pills, or 'water pills', are often prescribed for high blood pressure. Diuretics can cause a decrease or increase in potassium levels. They may cause a dangerous drop in sodium levels, as well as dizziness, thirst, muscle camps and headache. Blood sugar may also be affected.

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## Mysore company awarded US Patent and Bio Excellence Awards

Mysuru, Dec.21- Triphase Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., an Indigenous Research and Development Company based in Mysore since 2009 is a collegium of experienced professionals from food and nutraceutical industry with core competencies in the area of probiotic development. The company has been awarded with US Patent recently.

Aditya Desiraju, the CMD of Triphase Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., hails from Mysuru. Desiraju family has contributed silently to the academic excellence by being part of scientific community from NIE, CFTRI, DFRL and IISc.

Triphase Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., has become world's first probiotic company to convert naturally occurring freeze dried strain into high temperature and pH stable.

The company is on growth phase and is looking for establishing itself as the world's best probiotic company from Mysuru, says CFO B.K. Gagan. — **OSR**

## Idol Installation Ceremony

Mysuru, Dec.21 (US) - The installation ceremony of the idol of Sri. Dattatreyaswamy is organised on Dec.22 at the newly constructed Sri. Dattatreyaswamy Temple in the premises of Sri. Jenugavi Avadhoota Nanjundaswamy Sevashrama at the foot of Chamundi Hill here. As a prelude, Ganapati Homa, Dattatreya Gayatri Homa and other rituals will be performed today. For details, contact Mob: 8762013818.

## Really...?

- ***The fingerprints of koala bear are indistinguishable to that of a human.***
- ***Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.***
- ***Your foot is the most common body part bitten by insects.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Q: Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?*
*A: Because he was always spotted!!*

## Today's Currency Rate

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# Banks closed for 5 days from today

## Monday (Dec. 24) will be a working day

### Today's closure demanding pay revision; another strike on Dec. 26

*Canara Bank employees seen staging a protest in city this morning demanding immediate pay revision. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RK&BCT)- A Union of Public Sector Bank Officers called for a strike today, demanding immediate wage revision and protesting merger of the State-owned banks. The strike call given by the All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC) hit banking operations in city and across the country.

However, private sector banks continued usual business as they are not part of the strike. All the State-owned banks including State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Corporation Bank downed their shutters in city this morning. Most of the banks had already informed their customers about the strike and its impact on their normal banking operations. The bank employees are demanding wage revision based on the minimum wages formula without linking to profits or paying capacity.

(See BANKS on page 13)

**Dates on which Bank services will be hit**

- Dec. 21: Bank Officers' Union strike
- Dec. 22: Fourth Saturday Off
- Dec. 23: Sunday Weekly Off
- Dec. 24: Monday is a working day
- Dec. 25: Christmas holiday
- Dec. 26: Strike by United Forum of Bank Unions

**To Our Readers**

*Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled "Kodagu, Playground of Karnataka: Is it under threat of disaster?" —Ed*

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Story-telling

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### Entries invited

The Department of Social Welfare has invited entries from individuals and NGOs who have rendered invaluable service in prevention of untouchability and harassment of scheduled caste people for nominating them for awards. The necessary application can be obtained from the office of the Joint Director, Department of Social Welfare, Jagajivan Ram Bhavana, Adipampa Road, Vontikoppal, Mysuru. Last date to submit is Dec. 24. For more details call 0821-2344561.

### Scholarship

The SC/ST Special Cell of University of Mysore is offering scholarships to 11 research students of SC/ST community who have scored more than 50% marks in their Post-Graduation course. Eligible students should remit Rs. 100 to the Common Revenue Account of UoM at the SBI branch at Crawford Hall premises and attach the Challan to the application to be submitted to the Deputy Registrar, SC/ST Cell, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, Mysuru before Jan. 15, 2019 by 5.30pm.

### Link Aadhar

Backward Classes Welfare Department has asked students of Backward Class to link their Aadhar number with their bank accounts for obtaining scholarship amount. For details, call Ph: 0821-2445447.

### Free Eye Camp for Senior Citizens

Annapoorna Eye Hospital as part of its Second Anniversary celebration has organised a Free Cataract and Pterigium Screening camp for Senior Citizens from Dec.19 to 31 at its premises, #199, Sai Paadam, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Sharadadevinagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4263333 or Mob: 88844-88259 or 98802-60239.

### Secures Intl. Rank

Sannidhi Bharadwaj, Class 1 student of The Orchids Public School and PU College, has secured the 4th International Rank in the SOF International English Olympiad held this year. This has brought her the Certificate of Zonal Excellence, a gold medal and a gift worth Rs.1,000.

# No stopping of Anna Dasoha at Chamundi Hill Temple

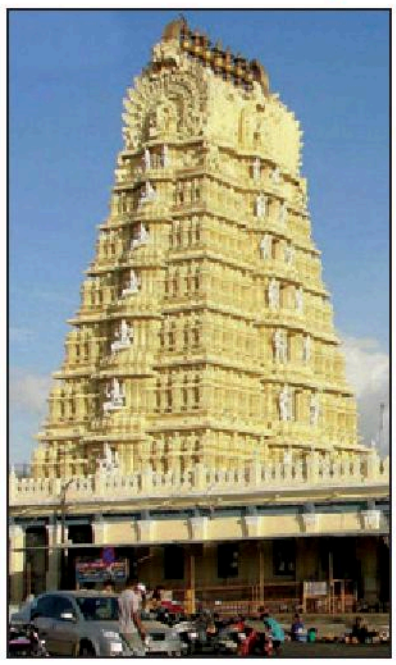
## Temple management not to close Dasoha Bhavan in case of anyone's death atop the Hill or at villages

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RK& BCT)- Henceforth, devotees coming to Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill, need not have apprehensions that the Dasoha Bhavan (place where mass free food is offered) might be closed in case of any death being reported at the Hill or surrounding villages. The Temple administration has now decided not to close the Dasoha Bhavan even in case of death.

As per tradition, in case a person dies atop the Hill or at the surrounding villages, the main gate of the Temple is closed (as death is considered a bad omen at a place of religious significance) and devotees are made to enter the sanctum sanctorum through the side gate. Darshan is offered from the north side of the Temple and puja rituals are continued. Also, the Dasoha Bhavan is closed for the day and no free food (prasadam or Dasoha) is offered.

A meeting of the Temple Committee held three days back decided not to close the Dasoha Bhavan as devotees come to have food there from far-flung places. Chamundi Temple Executive Officer K.M. Prasad told the meeting that on an average, over 5,000 people have breakfast, lunch and dinner at Dasoha Bhavan daily and one or two deaths are reported in the vicinity every other day.

He told the meeting that due to closure of Dasoha Bhavan, thousands of people go hungry.



The meeting was informed that no devotee should go in an empty stomach from a Mother's place (Goddess Chamundeshwari is regarded as Mother). The meeting decided to continue the Dasoha at the Temple even at the time of any death. The members opined in the meeting that the Dasoha offered at the Temple is not prasadam but is a food supply system.

Prasad told the meeting that while the tradition of closing the Temple main door in case of deaths was an age-old practice, Dasoha system was started in 2004 and they both cannot be linked. Moreover the expenditure of Dasoha Bhavan is managed out of the money donated by philanthropists and the Temple Fund is not utilised in any way, he informed the meeting. The Temple management has sent this proposal to Deputy Commissioner for approval.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF DASOHA BHAVAN**

| Year | Income (from donors) | Expenditure | Savings |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2015-16 | Rs. 1,02,19,785 | Rs. 36,54,216 | Rs. 65,65.569 |
| 2016-17 | Rs. 1,05,85,095 | Rs. 44,14,430 | Rs. 61,70,665 |
| 2017-18 | Rs. 1,03,74,493 | Rs. 63,27,431 | Rs. 40,47,062 |

The practice of serving breakfast and dinner was started in March 2017 and there was a good response from devotees. Of late, the Temple management has extended the timings of afternoon Dasoha from 12 pm to 3.30 pm from the earlier 1 pm to 2 pm. This is to facilitate devotees who arrive at the Temple during closing hours (2 pm). If devotees enter the temple at 2 pm, it is not possible for them to have food at Dasoha Bhavan and this is the reason why the Dasoha timings have been extended.

As of now, Dasoha begins at 7.30 am and ends at 9 am, lunch from 12 pm till 3.30 pm and dinner Dasoha from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. Temple sources told *Star of Mysore* that the hotels surrounding the Temple had opposed the introduction of morning and evening Dasoha as it will hit their business. But the management went ahead and introduced the Dasoha all three times a day as no devotee coming to have a Darshan of the Goddess must go hungry, sources added.

# Hanuman Jayanti celebrated in city

Mysuru, Dec.21-Various Anjaneyaswamy temples in city including Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the north gate of the Mysore Palace, Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple on Irwin Road, Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Gangothri Layout, N.R. Mohalla, Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple in Hanumanthanagar, Sri Gangapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Mata Anjanadevi Prasanna Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Subramanynagar and a few other places, celebrated Hanuman Jayanti yesterday.

A 'Shobhayatra' organised as part of the 28th Hanuman Jayanti celebrations of Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Gangotri Layout was taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in the morning. Trustee of the temple and former Corporator Nandish Preetam lead the procession.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama Junior Seer Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji offered *Pushparchane* to the *Nandi Dwaja* before the start of the Shobhayatra. Former MLA Vasu, Corporator Shivakumar, BJP's Mahesh Raj Urs and others were present.

The tableau containing the decorated idol of Hanuman, Shiva's idol with Ganga water flowing, cultural troupes like Puja Kunita, Garudi Gombe, Veerabhadra Kunita, people dressed as Rama, Lakshmana, Seetha and Hanuman and other folk troupes took part of the procession.

The procession which began from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple passed through Dodda Gadiyara (Big Clock Tower), Ashoka Road, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, K.R. Circle, Devaraj Urs Road, Narayan Shastry Road, Law Courts, KG Koppal, 14th Main Saraswathipuram and finally reached the Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Gangothri Layout.

In Karnataka, Hanuman Jayanti is observed on *Shukla Paksha Trayodashi* during *Margashirsha* month.

The day is popularly known as Hanuman Vratam.

VOICE OF THE READER

# Musings on Median Strip Gardens

Sir,

I read with interest the news item titled ***'Median Strip Gardens'*** (*SOM* dated Dec. 18) created by Mysuru City Corporation authorities to enhance the beauty of our city. It is a very good initiative. I find such arrangements throughout Switzerland.

My only request for MCC authorities is to maintain them properly throughout the year like the way Swiss authorities maintain them. They use proper tools and equipment to handle such heavy pots to replace the earth, apply organic compost etc., including safety of the gardeners when lifted by hydraulic systems. Unless such tools are provided which make easier and safe to handle by the gardeners they will have a tendency to ignore and everyone will lose the interest to maintain.

In summary, it is not only the intention but also the demonstration in taking interest to maintain that make a lot of difference. I am sure MCC will take pride to keep our city as beautiful as Switzerland.

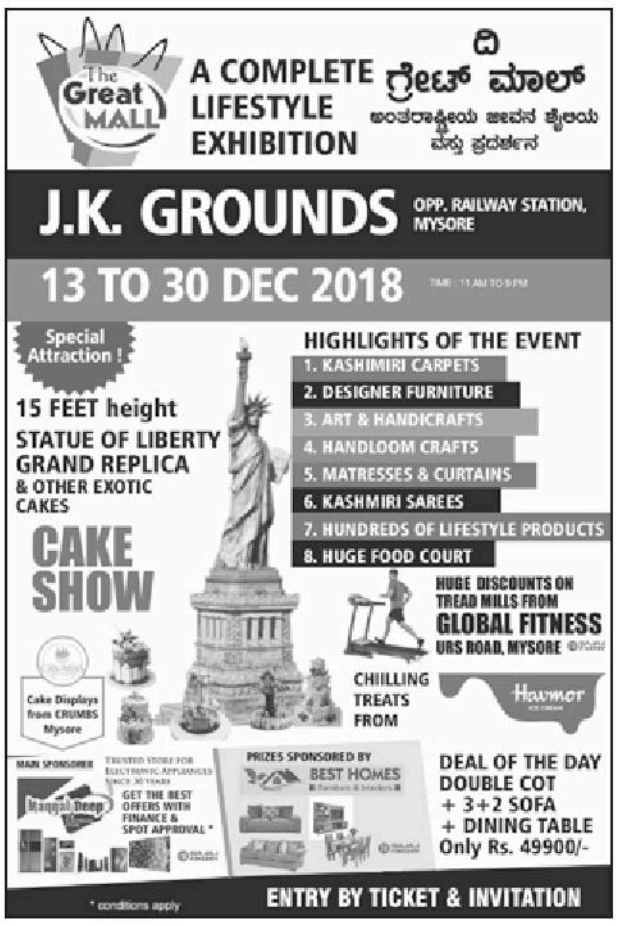
—**Ramraj**

Montreux 19.12.2018

# Selection trials for Kabaddi tournament on Dec. 23

Mysuru, Dec.21- The selection trials for State-level Junior Boys and Girls Kabaddi tournament, scheduled to take place at Byndoor in Udupi district, will be held at the University of Mysore Sports Stadium at 9 am on Dec. 23.

The trial is conducted under the aegis of Mysore Jilla Amateur Kabaddi Association. For details, call Mob: 95919-33699.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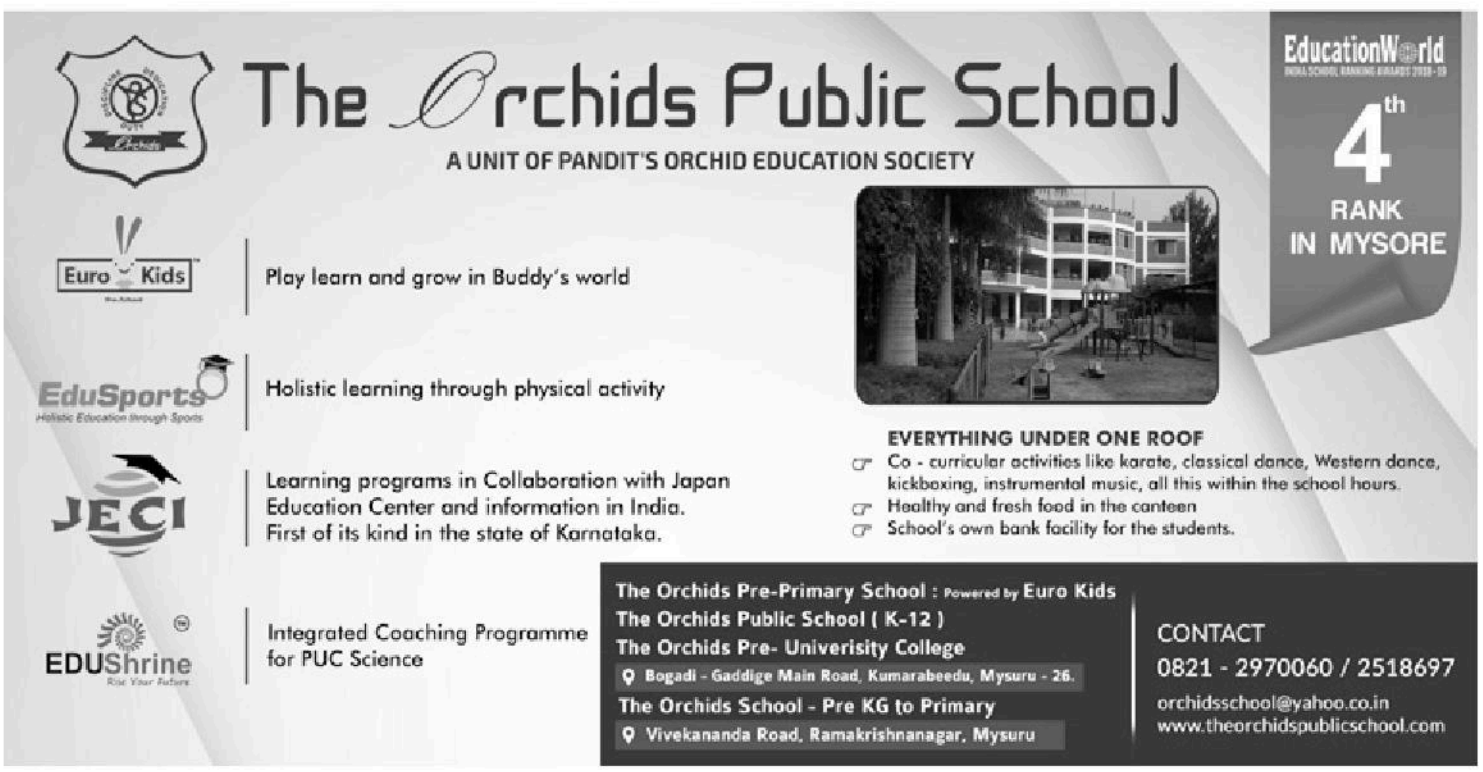
# Winners of Essay Competition

Mysuru, Dec.21- In the recently conducted Pratibha Manthan Inter-Collegiate Competitions organised for PU students by MIT First Grade College, Mysuru, **Yashika Gupta,** a 2nd PU student of Jnanodaya PU College bagged 1st place in Hindi essay while **Anusha Subramanyan** of 2nd PU bagged the 2nd place in Sanskrit essay.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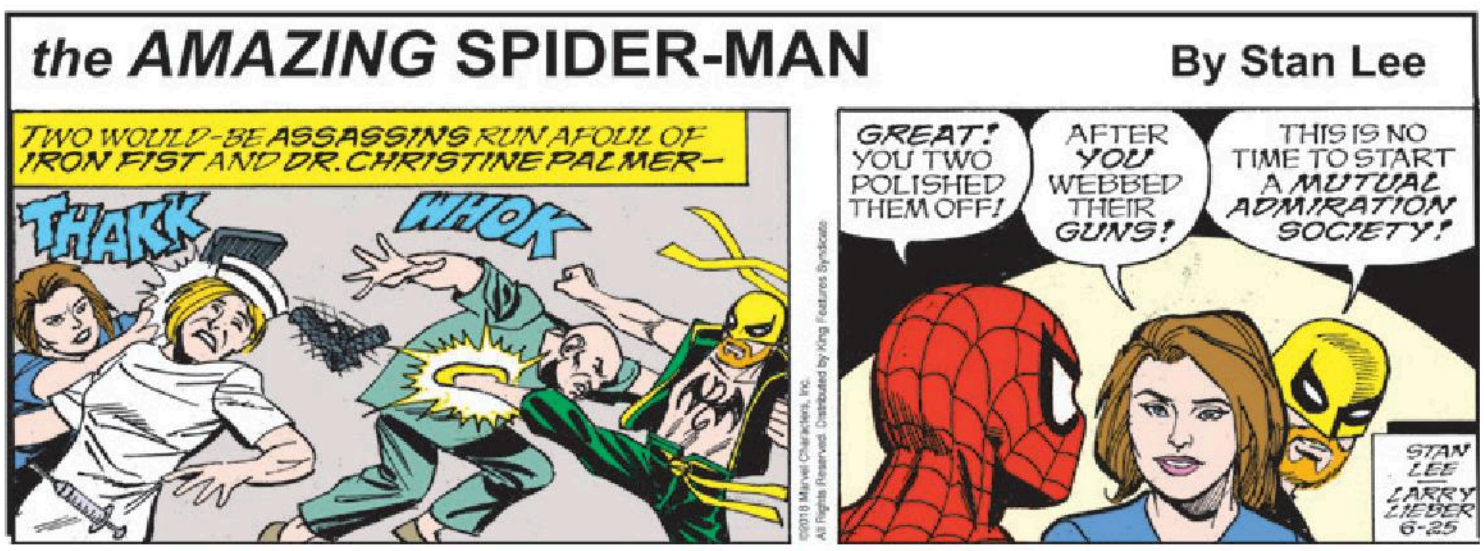
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## Tinkering Lab concept at Lions Sevaniketan School...

# Learning made fun

By Sujata Rajpal

About 40-odd students of 8th grade assemble in a classroom and are making miniature cars out of sun board, toothpicks, rubber bands and other such material. Each vehicle is unique in itself — single seater with no boot space, family passenger car and some resemble a big tow truck. Ask the students what they are doing and they reply in unison, 'We are making a car that doesn't crash.'

The students are given an assortment of raw material to choose from to manufacture the car within a fixed budget; it is up to them how they want their vehicle to look like. Mind you, it is no craft class, it is the Tinkering Lab.

I was curious to see the Tinkering Lab live when I heard of the concept. On a busy Monday morning at 11.30, I find myself attending an 80 min Tinkering Lab session at Lions West Sevaniketan School in Gokulam. After the car is manufactured, an egg is placed in place of the driver and the car is ready for the test drive. The students are given a problem that the car shouldn't crash. They have to find a solution however they want to.

'I don't miss school on Mondays even if I am sick because we have tinkering lab on Mondays,' says Samudyatha, an enthusiastic 8th grader.

Started in 2014 by two ex-techies from Namma Mysuru, with tinkering as a medium, Science Ashram aims to revolutionise the education system with curriculum that encompasses STEM education and beyond. Problems that mimic real-world scenarios empower children with necessary skills and competence to face challenges in the future thus preparing them for life beyond the classroom. Even adults would enjoy dabbling in it. It aims at reorienting education from knowledge acquisition to skill mastery thus granting the students the freedom to innovate and take decisions.

'It is a revolutionary concept aimed at making our children think out of the box. We introduced the Tinkering Labs in 2018 for the students of 6th, 7th and 8th grades and the newly gained confidence in the students is conspicuous,' beams Ln. K.S. Gururaja, the President of the School. 'The entire cost of the project is borne by the school. It is completely free for the children.'

Why the need for Tinkering Labs: The academic curriculum doesn't allow much scope for experimentation and is not application oriented. Conventional teaching is aimed at producing workers for industries but the economy doesn't need only workers, it also needs leaders, consumers, thinkers. Most importantly, there is a need to reinvent our skill sets at every stage hence the concept of Science Ashram,' explains Rohan Ramanuja, an ex-techie from SJCE who started Science Ashram with childhood friend and college mate Dhruva V. Rao.

'The Lions Sevaniketan School was very encouraging when we sent the proposal to them. As of now, we have introduced the concept in 15 schools in Mysore and Bangalore. We plan to increase it to 30 this year and take it to other cities.'

I watch the children work in teams, discussing with each other, helping those who are stuck. 'The world belongs to artificial intelligence. We are very good at reproducing what we have learnt but little deviation from it and we whine the question paper is out of syllabus,' laughs Rohan who is walking me through his Start-Up, the proud smile playing on his lips all through.

**What's unique:** Unlike conventional curriculum, there is no uniform takeaways for the participants. To each one to his own. The most interesting about the whole concept is it allows children to make mistakes and learn from them. There is no teacher, only a facilitator.

I am eager to evaluate what I have been told. I approach a bunch of students and ask them what they have learnt by making a car that doesn't crash. 'Now I know how to design a car,' says Dhanyatha. 'It also helps us in learning how to take decisions,' adds Harshini. 'After making the car, I like to study Science.'

I notice a shy looking boy who hasn't opened his mouth until now. I lean towards him. 'What is the learning for you dear?'

'Maam, we should always wear seat belts while driving. My egg (read driver) fell out of the car in the test ride because I hadn't put seat belt for him.'

# St. Philos celebrates International Students Fest-2018

Mysuru, Dec. 21- St. Philomena's College celebrated International Students Fest-2018 recently in the College auditorium in Bannimantap. International students representing different countries entered the auditorium waving their national flags.

Prof. G. R. Janardhan, Department of Studies in Botany and Director of International Centre, University of Mysore, was the chief guest. In his address he said that St. Philomena's College has a good number of foreign students and it has the highest number under University of Mysore.

He called upon the students to study well and complete their graduation without keeping any back papers. He promised all help to the International students from the University.

Dr. Sukanya, Head, Department of Journalism, expressed happiness towards the foreign students in her introductory speech and motivated them for their active participation in the talent programmes of the college and wished a wonderful stay in India.

Students from countries like Yemen, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan, Somalia also spoke about their respective countries and culture, wearing their ethnic dress. They performed their cultural dance with great fervour and patriotic zeal.

*Mr. and Miss Philomena International 2018* competition was held on the occasion with Mali and Somalia being crowned as *Mr. and Miss International 2018* respectively. Fr. Maria Xavier, Vice Rector, crowned *Miss Philomena International* while Prof. Janardhan honoured Mali with a sash.

Prof. Sanjay Nair, Vice Principal, proposed a vote of thanks. Many International students and staff members of the college were present on the occasion.

## CII hosts Manufacturing and Technology Conference

# Integrated Circuit Board, Printed Circuit Board to come up on 500-acre plot at Adakanahalli

FROM LEFT: ***Rajendra Babu, Co-Convenor, Manufacturing & Technology Panel & Factory Manager, ITC Limited; Arjun Ranga, Chairman, CII Mysuru; D.K. Lingaraju, Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Mysuru; Kamal Bali, Past Chairman, CII and Managing Director of Volvo Group India; N. Muthukumar, Chairman, CII Karnataka; Bhaskar Kalale, Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru and Neil Castelino, State Head, Confederation of Indian Industry, seen during the Annual Manufacturing and Technology Conference organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru at Hotel Radisson Blu here on Tuesday.***

Mysuru, Dec.21- As part of the proposed nine industrial clusters, Mysuru will be having Integrated Circuit Board (ICB) and Printed Circuit Board (PCB) for which 500-acre land has been reserved at Adakanahalli industrial area near Nanjangud, said D.K. Lingaraju, Joint Director, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru.

Speaking after inaugurating the Annual Manufacturing and Technology Conference organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru chapter at Hotel Radisson Blu here on Tuesday he said, "Today we are in an era of globalisation and liberalisation policies. Because of this all industries are facing tough competition in domestic and international market. To overcome this competition and to sustain in fast growing competitive markets, we have to improve quality in goods and services, competitive pricing, etc."

"The Government of Karnataka is launching nine industrial clusters in different districts across the State, out of that Mysuru is getting ICB and PCB shortly. Already the work for the proposed clusters has started and there will be nearly Rs. 5,000 crore investment which will fetch nearly one lakh job opportunities from various electronics based industries. As part of the project 10 to 15 large scale electronics allied industries, and more than 1000 allied industries are expected to be set up. **Already nodal experts are working on the project and in another four years time the cluster will be a reality. Three leading companies will be visiting Mysuru shortly and each one is expected to invest Rs. 1000 crore," said Lingaraju.**

N. Muthukumar, Chairman, CII, Karnataka who spoke said, "Those companies which are adopting latest technologies with better people management and with a creative mindset and innovations will be in the forefront. The companies which are on top have followed successful value systems. We can buy anything but getting skilled set of manpower is the greatest challenge which is why most of the companies are losing 10 to 15 percent production."

Arjun Ranga, Chairman, CII, Mysuru, said "Everybody can have plan but ability to execute and execute precisely, are key to progress. We talk about Germany which is known for precision engineering technology, America known for innovation, China for mass production, Japan about quality and when we talk about India, globally there are many advantages and the flexibility and ability to think innovatively is India's strength."

Kamal Bali, Past Chairman CII and Managing Director of Volvo Group India said "If India has to become super power manufacturing has to take centre-stage in our mindset. When it comes to industry and manufacturing, India's position is not satisfactory. With 16 to 17 percent share of global population, our share in manufacturing is just 2 to 3 percent while China accounts for 24 percent of global manufacturing. One thing important is gender equality, if India has to become super power, we cannot ignore 50 percent of our population. Just 27 percent of women are participating in the mainstream and we need to correct this. He also mentioned that there should big change in HR which is the biggest problem and obstacle for any organisation.

# 19th All India Advocates Cricket Tournament

Mysuru, Dec.21- The members of Mysuru Bar Association are representing the Karnataka State Advocates Cricket Team to play the 19th All India Advocates Cricket Tournament at Hyderabad from Dec.21 to Dec. 27. The following are the players selected from city: M.R. Ananda (C), Mahadevappa Giddimani and G.P. Chandrashekar. Other team members from different parts of Karnataka: Sunil, Vadiraj, Jayanna, Raghavendra Karanth, Praveen Shetty, Sunil Sakri, Ravikumar, Goutham, Ravikeerthi, Irfan and Prashanth. Team Manager M.U.Subbaiah (Mysuru) and Coach R.P. Poornachandra will accompany.

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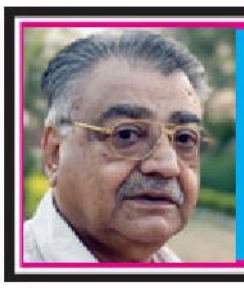

# Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

# Kodagu, Playground of Karnataka

# Is it under threat of disaster ?

In the light of the natural disaster that struck Kodagu district due to incessant and unprecedented heavy rainfall leading to flooding and massive landslips and deaths, you are made to think whether the disaster was God-made or man-made.

The religious ones may say it was God-made because of not following temple rituals as per the tradition, especially in Bhagamandala and Talacauvery following the questionable outcome of answers from what is known as 'Ashtamangala Prashne' (octagonal questioning ritual) held in May 2018. There is another school of thought that attributes the disaster to the irresponsible manner in which the greedy timber merchants and coffee planters deforested the mountains over the years.

Whatever might be the reasons for the disaster that happened in the month of August 2018, we do not seem to have learnt any lessons for the safety of **Kodagu, which can be called with pride and comfortable thought as 'The Playground of Karnataka' just as Switzerland is called 'The Playground of Europe.'**

You know the reason? Switzerland is one of the smallest and beautiful countries in Europe. It is surrounded by four countries — Germany, France, Austria and Italy, just like Kodagu is surrounded by Kerala, Mysuru, Mangaluru and Malnad. Switzerland has varied climate because of its altitude just like Kodagu, except Switzerland has more snow while Kodagu has more rains.

Like Switzerland, Kodagu has rolling hills, deep valleys, but no large lakes or huge plains. But Kodagu is compensated for the absence of huge lakes with South India's lifeline River Cauvery. It takes its birth in Kodagu in the womb of Western Ghats at Talacauvery in North Kodagu.

The Europeans, who visit Switzerland, also others from across the globe, get what is known as **'Swiss Experience.'** Same could be said of visitors to Kodagu — they get **'Kodagu Experience.'** Hence, if Switzerland could be the Playground of Europe, Kodagu could certainly be the Playground of Karnataka. In fact, it is already one — if we look at the number of tourists who crowd Madikeri and other parts of Kodagu in thousands from Friday to Sunday whether it is monsoon, summer or winter.

*Long-distance front view of Kannur International Airport with garden being laid in the foreground.*

It is unfortunate, our politicians, law-makers and also bureaucrats don't seem to be proud of such a Switzerland of Karnataka which Britishers during the days of the Raj called 'Scotland of India.'

Sadly, today Kodagu has become vulnerable to disaster and destruction because of the so-called **developmental works** that are being undertaken and planned. Already, the high-tension power lines have been installed across Kodagu by cutting thousands of trees when there were other alternative ways available. Now, two major projects are being initiated. One is the Mysuru-Madikeri Railway Line and another four-lane Highway from Kerala-Kodagu border Makutta to Mysuru and another one from Mysuru to Madikeri leading to Mangaluru.

Fortunately, it was announced in the Parliament on Dec.19, 2018, by the Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain that the Union Government will not take up the Railway Line project between Mysuru and Madikeri via Kushalnagar. However, one must be careful about this announcement because, it was given up not for the reasons of environmental destruction, but for the reason that the project is not profitable right now. Which means, when the Government finds it profitable in the future, it would take up the project. However, the present abandoning of the project is indeed a big relief for the people of Kodagu.

Be that as it may, another danger for Kodagu, its forest and environment and also the demography is the contemplated **four-lane Highway, cutting across Kodagu in the North and South.**

Last week, I had been to Kerala and visited the Kannur International Airport *(see picture above)*. That should give an idea about its size and the future growth. A couple of hills have been flattened for the purpose, creating a scene of wounded mountains with red earth all over. I am told it was the fourth International airport for India's one of the smallest States, with a population of 3.69 crore (2017 census).

*The National Flag fluttering at the entrance to Kannur Airport.*

Compare this with Karnataka. It is so huge geographically with a coast line in the West and a population of 6.5 crore. **How many International Airports do we have?** Perish the thought. Even the one we have has only a few Gates needed for the number of flights landing and taking off. **The International Airport, which is in Mangaluru, a coastal city, is an apology rather than a pride.** If this airport was developed to the normal standards of International Airports, I do not think the Kannur International Airport authorities would have gone to Udupi, Kodagu, Hassan and Chikkamagalur launching publicity for the Kannur Airport lauding its close proximity compared to the Bengaluru International Airport.

They are promoting Kannur International Airport in a big way to attract travellers from Karnataka. If the International Airport at Mangaluru was developed in a big way by Karnataka, at least to the level of the new Kannur Airport of Kerala, it would have helped air travellers from Kodagu, Udupi, Chikkamagalur and surrounding places. **Now, Karnataka is losing revenue to Kerala.**

**Ironically, the Kannur Airport was sanctioned when H.D. Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister between 1996-1997 and C.M. Ibrahim was the Civil Aviation Minister — both from Karnataka. Small wonder, why they never thought of upgrading the most important coastal airport of Mangaluru?**

When I went to Kannur Airport, I saw the flex boards of H.D. Deve Gowda and C.M. Ibrahim at many points and towns along the roads, apparently, an expression of gratitude on the occasion of its inauguration on Dec.9, 2018.

One of the main infrastructures for an International Airport is a good road. **Kerala is already working on a four-lane Highway which will terminate at Kodagu border Makutta.** I saw the work briskly progressing, slicing off the hills with JCBs and earth mover machines. **Now, Kerala is creating a lobby in Karnataka for continuing the Highway from Makutta to Mysuru via Kodagu and similarly inside Kodagu for which there is strong protest from environmentalists and NGOs in Kodagu, specially the Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS) led by Col. (retd.) C.P. Muthanna.**

Unless the Karnataka Government puts its foot down and says no to this Highway, there is imminent danger to Kodagu. Apart from adverse ecological and environmental effect, there is a danger of **increased immigration from Kerala to Kodagu leading to pressure on the agricultural lands,** specially paddy fields and coffee plantations. With the abolition of **Jamma Tenure** (which restricted sale of land to non-Jamma Land holders), the sale of lands in fragments and also of large areas would increase leading to demographic imbalance with its many negative repercussions.

The pressure on land will be such, there will be more illegal occupation of government lands and, as a natural corollary, it will lead to deforestation and increase in crimes.

**Let us not allow anyone to further vandalise our beautiful Playground of Karnataka, that is KODAGU.**

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# Crime & Punishment

Forensic investigation of crime includes the use of scientific methods to study past events for criminal justice delivery, often to reconstruct unknown events associated with a crime scene. Considering the importance of forensic investigation of crimes, including biology, fingerprints, DNA analysis, ballistics, evidence tracing, voice analysis and toxicology, the Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research had organised a three-day Forensic Fair from Dec. 19 to 21 at JSS Hospital premises on M.G. Road.

This *Weekend Star Supplement* features some of the important aspects that were displayed at the Fair and identifies the small set of people in Mysuru who are making a difference in the field of forensics.

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# Foraying into Forensic Science

By B.C. Thimmaiah and Ramesh Kebbehundi

Forensic Science has become an integral part of many criminal cases and convictions, with objective facts through scientific knowledge. The simplest definition of forensic science is any science used within the criminal justice system.

Crime scene investigators and lab technicians use specialised skills and tools to collect, analyse, and present evidence in order to solve a crime or successfully convict the offender. The increased use of scientific methods to collect and examine evidence has led to the closure of many criminal cases that could not be solved through old-fashioned detective work alone. New testing methods are even being applied to cold cases, or cases from many years ago that remain unsolved.

***Forensic science can be used to:***

- Prove elements of a crime
- Verify or discredit victim or suspect statements
- Identify descendants or suspects
- Establish a connection to a crime or crime scene

In other words, forensic science may prove the existence of a crime, the perpetrator of a crime, or a connection to a crime through examination of physical evidence, administration of tests, interpretation of data, clear and concise reporting and truthful testimony of a forensic scientist.

Considering the importance of forensic science, the Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research had organised a three-day Forensic Fair from Dec. 19 to 21 at JSS Hospital parking area on M.G. Road in city.

The exhibition was jointly organised in association with Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru City Traffic Police, Department of Criminology and Forensic Science SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Poison Information Centre, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, JSS Hospital, JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, and Department of Food Sciences of Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru. Snake Shyam had set up a special counter to explain about snake poison and its effects.

The exhibition was a great hit among the public, especially the student community with an average of 1,600 people visiting it every day. Visitors were told about crime scene investigation, adulteration, weapons and their uses, traffic awareness, trauma care, approach to a crime scene, identification of fingerprints, detection of poison, voice identification, audiology, handwriting examination and a recorded video of autopsy.

In all, it was an exhibition to bring crime and investigation closer to people. Some of the aspects of forensics that were dealt at the exhibition are DNA finger printing, comparison of cartridges, dental evidence, trauma, analytical procedures to detect poisons, types of signatures and the way to decipher them, difference between a person hanging himself to death or a hanging that takes place after the person is murdered and importance of blood samples in murders and food adulteration.

Explaining the exhibition to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Smitha Rani, Dr. H.V. Chandrakanth, Dr. Arun and Dr. G.B. Aravind said that the Karnataka Police Academy had recreated the types of unnatural deaths through Plaster of Paris models. The models included of murder, food poisoning death, burns, hanging. This apart, there was a display of different types of firearms like pistol, Carbine, revolver, AK 47, INSAS, etc.

The stall set up by Poison Information Centre, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, JSS Hospital gave information on precautionary measures to be taken in poisoning. The Department of Criminology and Forensic Science, Mahajana First Grade College presented a live demonstration of latent fingerprint testing, identification of fake currency notes and crime scene evidence collection.

Two stalls set up by department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, JSS Medical College displayed photographs on trauma, poisonous substances, autopsy findings in different unnatural deaths and their investigations. There was a video demonstration on snakes and information on first aid to be provided in case of snake poisoning by Snake Shyam. Awareness on food adulteration by means of simple tests were displayed by Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Yuvaraja's College.

## Voice Is The Key Here

As voice is a key to a human body, it is also crucial in crime investigation. Criminal Audiology deals with voice and its variations. Every person has a unique voice along with its frequency and modulations. For a layman it may be just a sound but in forensics, it has various aspects.

JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing had set up a stall at the exhibition where voice samples could be tested and matched. In the age of politicians saying a thing and denying the same at a later stage and also claiming that his/ her voice has been distorted, technology can be used to uncover facts. Audiology can precisely pin point the modulations in the voice and identify the speaker through comparison.

The stall was managed by S.Y. Aishwarya, M.N. Rajeshwari, Likhit Prasad, Varsha Chowdhury, Harshitha and faculty Harsha. According to them, voice plays a key role in kidnapping cases where the only available clue is voice that has been obtained through phones.

## A TYPICAL MURDER SCENE EXPLAINED

A bunch of enthusiastic students from B.Sc. Forensic Science were explaining about a typical murder scene. Armed with a model of a body, these students were explaining how a medical examiner is the central figure in an investigation of crimes involving victims.

It is the responsibility of the medical examiner to visit the crime scene, conduct an autopsy (an examination of the body) in cases of death, examine the medical evidence and laboratory reports, study the victim's medical history and put all that information together that can help in conviction.

When a body is discovered in a lake, stream, river or ocean and the lungs are found to be filled with water, the medical examiner must determine if the drowning occurred where the body was found or elsewhere. They demonstrated how human bite marks also can serve as circumstantial evidence. Such bites may be found upon the body of a homicide victim or within pieces of food or other objects found at the crime scene. Students Varsha Jain, Advika, G.S. Sahana, Durga Vaishnav, Shibin Rehman, Avanthika, Vishak, Nitin, Varsha Krishnan, Amitha and Chandan were part of the team.

## Ocular evidence and Forensic evidence

India is yet to make strides in Forensic Science while courts abroad consider forensic evidence as crucial. Moreover, India has a dearth of forensic experts, said **Dr. G.B. Aravind, Department of Forensic Medicine, JSS Medical College** (in picture extreme right).

"We in India rely on ocular evidence (eyewitnesses) that might fail or falter after some years in the trial stage. On the other hand, forensic evidence stays for years and can help in judgement delivery even if eyewitnesses are dead or if they turn hostile," he said.

Realising the importance of forensic sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research has started a three-year B.Sc. course from this academic year. While forensic science is a mandatory subject for all medical students, the B.Sc. course offers specialisation in forensic branch, he said.

## GOOD TOUCH AND BAD TOUCH

Child abuse is a society's scourge. Be it schools or families, young bodies face a lot of abuse from perpetrators. As the exhibition had a lot of child visitors, it was more appropriate to have a stall on child abuse and how to deal with abuse trauma.

Dr. Vidya, Dr. Prashanth and Dr. Abhirami were explaining to young minds how to differentiate between good touch and bad touch. Providing statistics, they showed how child abuse was rampant in India where people considered closest to a family turn out to be child predators. The stall also dealt with trauma care for both parents and children in case of child abuse.

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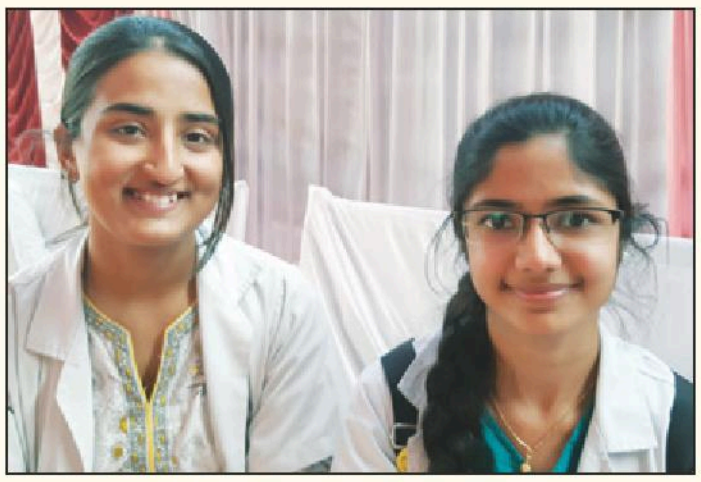
# SAFETY is the BIGGEST concern



*B.A. Sruti Singavi and Swathi Srinivasa*

Swathi Srinivasa and B.A. Sruti Singavi, students of JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, though said that the exhibition was informative, felt that a dedicated section on rape cases would have helped in spreading more awareness. "These days we see many rape cases and the expo should have focussed on that. It should have thrown light on rape detection, rapist conviction and justice delivery," they said.

Women are subjected to victimisation and in many cases rapists get away due to lack of evidence. Such exhibitions must throw light on forensic evidence gathering, rape trauma care and of course, the punishment to the perpetrators, they rued.

"How to be safe at homes, offices and workplaces and educational institutions is the biggest concern these days. We learnt a lot in the exhibition and it is in a way a confidence building step," Swathi said.

# DNA fingerprinting and Adulteration

Students of Department of Criminology and Forensic Science Mahajana First Grade College demonstrated how DNA fingerprinting provides an excellent way to analyse blood, hair, and skin or semen evidence found at the crime scene. By using advanced technology methods, a laboratory rapidly can clone, or multiply, the DNA from a tiny sample of any of these substances.

This process produces enough DNA to compare with a sample of DNA taken from a suspected criminal. Faculties K. Raghavendra and Vindhya Madival led the team and the demonstration was done by Arpitha.

Adulteration is a big menace these days where every other food items are adulterated, risking the lives of people, especially children who need nutrition for growth. Realising the importance of adulteration, the department of Food Science and Nutrition, Yuvaraja's College had set up a special stall where tips to detect adulteration were given to visitors.

Students explained how daily items like Bengal gram, pulses, rava, rice, milk, wheat, pepper chilli powder and tea leaves are adulterated. They also distributed informative handbooks on detection of adulteration at homes. The handbook has been prepared by Dr. R. Shekhara Naik, Head of the Department, Dr. C.S. Devaki, Asim Sabha, Vani Malai and Preeti Kumari. The student team was led by Dr. M.S. Mahesh.

**A LIVE DEMO OF POST-MORTEM**

In order to educate people on how a post-mortem is conducted in mortuaries, a video demonstration was organised. It is a first-of-its-kind at a fair and an attempt to erase doubts associated with post-mortem. The demo showed features like collecting viscera samples, opening of head, brain, chest, heart, abdomen and other vital organs of a dead person.

# GUNS on display

One of the crowd-pullers at the exhibition is the section where guns are displayed. Policemen Gnanadeva Tarase and R. Kumar from Karnataka Police Academy demonstrated the operative part of the weapons.

- **AVTOMAT KALASHNIKOVA OR AK-47:** 7.62x39mm assault rifle, developed in the Soviet Union. It can fire 30 rounds and its effective range is 600 yards with a killing range of 300 yards.
- **INSAS RIFLE:** INSAS (abbreviation of INdian Small Arms System) is a family of infantry arms consisting of an assault rifle and a Light Machine Gun (LMG). It is a gas operated assault rifle. It can be fired in single round or three-round burst mode. A telescopic sight or a passive night sight can be mounted on it. The transparent magazine can hold 20 rounds.
- **SINGLE BARREL GUN OR SELF-LOADING RIFLE:** It can fire 20 rounds and has a killing range of 300 yards.
- **.303 RIFLE:** A bolt-action, magazine-fed, repeating rifle. It has an effective range of 600 yards with a killing range of 300 yards.
- **LIGHT MACHINE GUN:** The LMG (Light Machine Gun) has a range of 700 metres, when compared to 400 metres range of INSAS standard and assault rifles. It has a longer and heavier barrel with revised rifling, and a bipod. The LMG version uses 30-round magazines.
- **9MM AUTOMATIC PISTOL:** Has a killing range of 50 yards and an effective range of 200 yards. It can fire 13 rounds.

# A study on juvenile delinquents

The Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, JSS Hospital, is contributing in its own way by conducting research associated with relevance to Mysuru region. Dr. M. Arun said that the Department had studied, researched regarding juvenile delinquents of Mysuru and Mandya District two years back.

"We studied juvenile homes, juvenile offenders, their behaviours, causes and other aspects. As part of the study, we examined the behaviour aspects of over 750 juvenile offenders and found out that social economic factors are the main reasons for them to take to crime.

The research was conducted between 2015 and 2017 and was submitted to the Superintendent of Juvenile Homes of Mysuru and Mandya recommending the government to take corrective measures.

As juvenile delinquency is one most pressing social problems with negative emotional, physical, and economic effects felt throughout the society, the department studied the detrimental impact of juvenile offending and on aspects of the development of effective treatments to them, said Prof Arun.

Assistant professor Dr. Smitha Rani said that department has conducted many post-mortem examinations to help the Police. JSS Hospital is the only private hospital permitted by the government to conduct autopsies after State-owned K.R. Hospital of Mysore, she said.

Head of the Department of Forensic Science and Toxicology, Dr. Chandrakanth said that the department has been holding such forensic fair for the last three years as UGC had directed to sensitise people on the importance of gathering evidence on various crime incidents like rape, murder, accident, poison, burns and hanging.

*Policemen from Karnataka Police Academy demonstrate hand-held devices to catch traffic offenders and a stretcher to carry the injured.*

# Winter Festival: Flower Show preparations in full swing

## District Minister GTD to inaugurate tomorrow at 5 pm

Mysuru, Dec. 21(PM&SR)- The final preparations for the fourth Flower Show that will be held near Shwetha Varahaswamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises from Dec. 22 to Jan.4 is on in full swing.

The flower show is being organised by Tourism Department, Mysore Palace Board in association with the District Administration as part of Winter Festival.

Over 20 varieties of ornamental flowers in 20,000 flower pots are being kept ready for display.

Flower pots and a large variety of flowers including African Marigold, Celosia, Lady Lace, Gladiolus, Gerbera, Anthurium, Bird of Paradise, Carnations, Lilium, Tuberose, Orchids, Stasis, Chrysanthemum, Limonium will attract visitors this year.

Four lakh ornamental flowers are beng used including ooty cut flowers, ping pong flowers, bonsai and flowers brought from Ooty, Bengaluru and other botanical gardens for making replicas of various models.

The authorities are exhibiting a 17-ft tall special model of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar as part of his centenary celebrations.

Floral replicas of Lalitha Mahal Palace (70x10x21 feet), Dasara Jumboo Savari (9 feet) with ping pong flowers, life-size model of two men taking part in Jatti Kalaga and a referee reflecting the Naada Habba, Elephant saluting Shivalinga, Nandi Basava models will be displayed.

At the entrance arch of the flower show gate, portrait of Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar located in the vertical garden close to Varahaswamy Temple will be decorated.

**Inauguration tomorrow**

District Minister G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the flower show on Dec. 22 at 5 pm. Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MP Pratap Simha and others will be the chief guests.

Krishnaraja MLA S. A. Ramdas will preside. **The flower show will be open daily from 10 am to 9 pm. Entry is free for all visitors.**

# Yash's *KGF* opens to packed audience

## DRC Cinemas in city has the first screening at 1 am

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RK&BCT)- Kannada superstar and Mysuru boy 'Rocking Star' Yash is back once again to entertain audience with his new magnum opus *KGF* (Kolar Gold Fields).

The film, which promises to be a unique experience as far as Kannada cinema is concerned, has released in about 2,000 screens. The big-budget film was released in over 400 theatres in Karnataka and in over 1,500 theatres in the country in five different languages — Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi and Malayalam — simultaneously giving it a Pan-Indian opening.

In Mysuru, the first show began at DRC Cinemas at B.M. Habitat Mall in Jayalakshmipuram at 1 am to a packed audience. The next screening was at 1.15 am. Likewise, the movie opened at PVR at Garuda Mall, Inox at Mall of Mysore, Saraswathi Theatre, Mahadeshwara, Lido, Sangam and Shanthala. At multiplexes, including DRC, all the four screens played the movie from 7 am, 7.10 am, 7.20 am and 7.30 am.

Yesterday, the Bengaluru City Civil and Sessions Court stayed the release of the movie until the next hearing on Jan. 7. The order, following a petition by Bengaluru-based producers, triggered protests by Yash fans.

Producers G. Venkatesh G of and S. Ananda approached the Court seeking a stay on the release as they had the copyright over the KGF storyline that depicts the life of Rowdy Thangam.

Judge M. Panchakshari issued an interim injunction "which will be in force till the appearance of defendants".

However, Vijay Kiragandoor, producer of KGF, confirmed that they will go ahead with the release as they have not received any orders so far.

In Mysuru, enraged fans broke glasses and chairs at Lido theatre that had a technical snag while playing the movie. Fans shouted slogans and destroyed property.

The Police were later called in to disperse the crowd. In all the screens where the movie was played in city, the majority of viewers were students who wanted to see the movie on the very first day.

# Banks closed for 5 days

**(Continued from page 3)**

The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body of the top nine bank unions, has also decided to observe a strike on Dec. 26. Taking into account these two days of unions' strike and other holidays, banks would be closed for most of the extended Christmas weekend. So, most bank branches will be open only for a day (Dec. 24 Monday) between this Friday (today) and next Wednesday.

Till Dec. 26, there are three holidays — fourth Saturday on Dec. 22 (tomorrow), then Sunday and then Christmas on Tuesday. On December 26, the UFBU has called for strike. There might be thin attendance at banks on Monday, Dec. 24, as many people are likely to apply leave for a long holiday.

Services at ATMs are expected to be normal during today's bank strike, but are likely to be affected on Dec. 26 since more bank unions will be involved. As a precautionary measure, banks have filled cash at all the 2,000-odd ATMs today and they are expected to refill cash again on Monday, Dec. 24.

As there is a long holiday for banks, there might be panic withdrawals. This being a tourist and festive season with Christmas and New Year round the corner, people might withdraw excess cash for reserve funds.

Due to the long holiday for banks and a series of strikes, traders will be hit hard as they cannot deposit cash in banks. Though they can withdraw cash for their transactions in case the ATMs have cash, physical cash transactions, cheque payments and outstation cheque clearance will be crippled.

# Mysuru Zoo open on Tuesdays

Mysuru, Dec. 21- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) has announced that the Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesdays (Dec. 25), on account of Christmas festival and New New Year (Jan.1), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

# No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 21- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Yelwal, Chikkegowdana Koppal, Lingadevaru Koppal, Maidanahalli, Aloka Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division.

# House burgled in city

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (YDS&KS)- House burglars, who gained entry into a house by cutting the window grills, have decamped with gold ornaments worth lakhs of rupees from the house yesterday.

The burglary took place at the house of Navy Commander Mahendra Singh, near VTU College, coming under Mysuru Rural Police limits.

Mahendra Singh's wife had locked the house yesterday morning and had gone out. The burglary came to light when she returned home in the evening. A case has been registered at Mysuru Rural Police Station in this regard.

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# Hindustani Music Workshop and Concert by Pt. Ravikiran Manipal

Gayana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised a Hindustani Music Workshop and Concert by Pt. Ravikiran Manipal on Dec.23.

The Music Workshop on Voice Culture in Hindustani Music will be held at Mini Hall in Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city at 10 am.

The Concert will be held at M.L. Krishnaswami's residence, 'Meenakshi,' #12/A,1st Main Road, 4th Stage, T.K. Layout near Kamakshi Hospital, at 5.30 pm. He will be accompanied by Bhimashankar Bidanur and Chaitanya Bhat.

For details, contact Mob: 86601-81578.

**Profile:** Ravikiran got initiated into classical music by his uncle Gururaj Marpally. He came under the tutelage of Lt. Pt. G. Madhav Bhat and later underwent advanced training under Lt. Pt. Narayan Panditji.

By contemporising and elevating the values and aesthetics to higher level of sublimity and artistry under his Guru Narayan Pandit's guidance, Ravikiran could groom his own gayaki that has won the hearts of laymen, critics and scholars alike.

Ravikiran secured 'Vidwat' degree from Karnataka Secondary Education Board and 'Sangeetalankara' from Akhila Bharata Gandharva Mahamandal, Miraj.

An 'A' grade artiste of AIR, Ravikiran has performed all over the country and abroad as well. He has also conducted several lec-dem programmes and workshops at various places.

Ravikiran's jugalbandi concerts with noted Santoor player Sandeep Chatterjee, Kolkata and with Karnatak vocalist J. Pradeep have been widely appreciated. He is also a devoted Guru, who runs classes regularly at Mangaluru.

# Vidu. Usha Hunagund to perform at 'Moonlight Music' on Dec.22

Mysuru, Dec.21 (US)- Vidushi Usha Hunagund will present a Karnatak vocal recital on Dec. 22 at 6pm at Suttur Mutt premises here as part of the 'Moonlight Music' programme.

**Profile:** Usha started learning music at the age of seven from Vid. H.S. Nagaraj of Sringeri and later from Vidushi M.S. Sheela in Bengaluru and Vid. Malladi Sooribabu in Vijayawada. She has released an album 'Gurukarana Trivadi.' She presently resides in San Francisco, USA, having obtained an MBA degree from California University. She has performed at various places in India and USA.

# 'Siri Dhanya' and 'Avare Kaalu' Mela at Bhanuvaara Santhe

Mysuru, Dec.21 - Mysore Ladies Association, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, has organised 'Bhanuvaara Biduvina Santhe' (Leisurely Sunday Fair) on Dec.23 at 10.30 am at Sapthapadi Kalyana Mantapa, near Vidyavardhaka Engineering College here.

The Santhe includes 'Siri Dhanya' and 'Avare Kaalu' Mela apart from an exhibition-cum-sale of different food items, various competitions for women, children and elders. After 2 pm, all can participate in the cultural events.

Competitions will be held in the following categories:

1. Eatables prepared using Nandini milk products.
2. Food items prepared using avare kaalu (Lima beans).
3. Snacks prepared using siri dhanya (millets).
4. Flower rangoli competition.

For stall details, call Mob: 96320-85745, 94814-39868 or 98864-01763.

# Mysore Maharajas' contribution to music is immense: Scholar

*Music Scholar from the US Dr. S. Sridhar inaugurating 'Shivarama Kriti Rupaka' presented by Vidushi Vyshnavi Datta and organised in association with Ministry of Culture at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on Dec. 18 as Musicologist Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Bharatanatyam artiste Dr. Radhika Nandakumar, K.S. Datta, Bharathi Datta and C.V. Nagaraj look on.*

Mysuru, Dec.21- Thanks to the immense contribution of the Maharajas of Mysore to music, the musicians were able to grow and contribute more to the field, said noted engineer and Music Scholar from USA Dr. S. Sridhar.

He was speaking after inaugurating the music feature *'Shivarama Kriti Rupaka'* based on the great Karnatak music compositions by Veena Shivaramayya and presented by Vidushi Vyshnavi Datta, in association with Ministry of Culture at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, here on Tuesday last.

The Maharajas used to identify musicians who have achieved in the field of music and encourage them by arranging their concerts and also helping another musician to grow. The monarchs those days encouraged people in every discipline and left a lasting legacy. Music not only calms the mind but also creates a peaceful atmosphere in the society, he said.

After the exit of monarchy, democracy followed and now the responsibility for the organisations is to see that focus of youth shifts towards culture and music. Education and music will help in making a good citizen in the society. In spite of strides in technology, culture should never be ignored. Culture speaks about the unity of the country, he added.

# Mysuru artistes perform in 'Kurukshetra' at Horayala

*Sri Omkareshwara Krupa Poshitha Nataka Mandali, Horayala village, staged the play 'Kurukshetra' at Horayala in Gundlupet district recently. The drama was directed by veteran Harmonium Master from Mysuru Nagendra Prasad and most of the actors were senior citizens from city. The stage, dress and makeup was by Umesh and Troupe, Mandya. Picture shows Duryodhana's Durbar scene in the drama. Dushyasana (H.S. Basappa, Horayala) expressing his viewpoint as (from left) Sowbala Raja Shakuni (Dr. N. N. Prahallada, Mysuru), Dhrutharashtra (Dr. Jayaram, Mysuru), Duryodhana (Dr. H.L. Shivabasappa, Mysuru) and Lord Krishna (Prof. S. K. Nanjappa, Mysuru) listen.*

# SJCE's Global Alumni Meet

Mysuru, Dec. 21- The Global Alumni Meet of the Alumni Association of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) will be held on Dec.22 at the college premises.

The Meet will be inaugurated by SJCE alumnus Arunkumar Kembhavi, IAS, Joint Secretary to the Chief Minister, Director C&RD, Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong. Prof. M. H. Dhananjaya, Advisor, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, will preside over the event.

The programme also includes distribution of Scholarship to needy students sponsored by the Alumnus residing in the US, awarding Distinguished Alumni Awards, release of Newsletter followed by 'Sooper Comedy' by the renowned humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda and 'Musical Night' by the alumnus Dr. Sridevi Kulenur and team.

For details, visit: *www.sjcealumni.org* or contact Dr. B.S Harish, Coordinator, SJCE Alumni Association on Mob: 9886779078.

# 'Kautilya Sadagara' tomorrow

*Charulatha* *Geetha* *Shalini* *Seethalakshmi*

Mysuru, Dec.21 - Kautilya Vidyalaya is celebrating its 14th Annual Day 'Kautilya Sadagara' at Kalamandira on Dec.22 at 3 pm. IGP Vipul Kumar will inaugurate the programme. Bhamy V. Shenoy of Mysore Grahakara Parishat and his wife will be the guests of honour. Chairman R. Raghu will preside.

The celebrations include 'Ajjanondige Hejje-Ajjiyondige Gejje,' felicitation to meritorious students and achievers.

On the occasion, the Vidyalaya will confer 'Kautilya Ratna Award' on four teachers M.A. Geetha, Charulatha, V. Shalini and N. Seethalakshmi for their valuable contribution to the growth of the institution along with a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and a citation.

**RK Vidyashala College Day**

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala has organised its 66th College Day at its premises in Yadavagiri at 5 pm tomorrow (Dec.22). Anil Swarup, CEO, State Development Council, Government of Jharkhand, will be the chief guest. Swami Atmajnananda, President of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, will preside.

The students will stage the Kannada play *'Satyameva Jayate'* on the occasion. Prior to the programme, there will be an exhibition of Science, Humanities and Computer projects in the Knowledge Park, Fine Arts and Philately in the Auditorium Foyer and book display in the library from 9.30 am to 11.45 am.

## Hanur Temple Tragedy

# Seer tried to escape to TN; Police restrain him

Chamarajanagar/ Hanur, Dec. 21 (SS&BCT)- The main accused in the Sulwadi Maramma Temple prasadam poisoning Immadi Mahadevaswamy, who is the junior seer of Salur Mutt at Male Mahadeshwara Hill, tried his best to evade arrest though the Police were on his hot chase following the death of over 16 people in the horrific incident.

*Immadi Mahadevaswamy*

Police sources told *Star of Mysore* that Mahadevaswamy alias Devanna Buddhi tried to escape to Tamil Nadu or to a place where his trusted lieutenants lived in the border areas. On Dec. 17, the Ramapura Police team visited Salur Mutt and questioned senior seer Vedabrahma Sri Guruswamy and also Immadi Mahadevaswamy. The latter was interrogated for about four hours.

After grilling, Mahadevaswamy was asked by the Police not to leave the Mutt without their permission. Also, a Police team in mufti had kept a close watch on Mahadevaswamy's movements. Despite this, Mahadevaswamy tried to hoodwink the Police and attempted to escape to Tamil Nadu. Mahadevaswamy, realising that he would be caught at Palar Check Post between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, turned his vehicle towards Mysuru.

The Police team that was watching Mahadevaswamy tipped off Mysuru Police about Mahadevaswamy entering Mysuru limits. Senior Police officers then contacted Mahadevaswamy over phone and warned him that action will be taken against him if he dodges arrest. They asked him to immediately return to the Mutt premises.

Mahadevaswamy told the Police that he had high BP and was going to a hospital to get treatment. He later visited a doctor in Mysuru and returned to Salur Mutt premises on Dec. 18 where the Police again grilled him and was later brought to Kollegal. Mahadevaswamy later went to Bhikshuka Mutt at Kollegal where some people objected to his presence.

They told Mahadevaswamy to leave the Mutt and take shelter at a college owned by Salur Mutt. Mahadevaswamy reluctantly obliged and by the time Mahadevaswamy reached the college, hundreds of people had assembled there hearing about Mahadevaswamy's involvement in the case which prompted the Police to take him with them.

# On that fateful day, accused called each other 43 times...

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 21 (SS&BCT)- The Chamarajanagar Police are trying their best to build a strong case against 52 year-old Immadi Mahadevaswamy alias Devanna Buddhi, 35-year-old Ambika, Secretary of Maramma Temple, her husband 46-year-old Madesha, who is the temple manager, and temple priest 35-year-old Doddaiah Tambadi who are accused in the temple poisoning case.

*Ambika*

Cases have been booked under IPC Sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 120 B (conspiracy) and Section 118 (endangering the lives of others). The Police are looking for every shred of evidence to make a strong chargesheet that will lead to their conviction.

Searching for clues, the Police found out Ambika, had rushed towards the temple to ensure whether the plot hatched by them has worked out as expected. Soon after returning home, Ambika had called Immadi Mahadevaswamy over cell phone. There were 43 calls made between Ambika and the seer in 10 hours on Dec.14. To avoid being caught, Ambika had used a different SIM card on her cell phone. The Police also found that Mahadevaswamy and Ambika called regularly over 20 times from the day of the incident to update about the incident, Police investigations and number of deaths.

## Police abandon mahazar of Ambika's house

The Police, who had taken all the accused for a spot mahazar at Sulwadi Maramma Temple had to abandon the mahazar of Ambika's house. Yesterday, the Police team had taken the accused Immadi Mahadevaswamy, Ambika, Madesha and Doddaiah to the temple where a large number of people had assembled.

While the Police had seated Mahadevaswamy and Ambika inside a Police van along with three other Police vans, Madesha and Doddaiah were taken into the kitchen where the poison was mixed to the prasadam. Seeing the accused, hundreds of villagers had assembled in front of the temple and demanded that the accused be handed over to them.

Sensing trouble, senior Police officers ordered Policemen to ensure order and prevent devotees from gaining access to the accused. After the mahazar of the kitchen, the Police were supposed to go to Ambika's house for mahazar. But due to a large presence of crowd and anticipating a law and order problem, the Police had to abandon the mahazar of her house. Later, the accused were brought to the Ramapura Police Station.

# Death toll rises to 16

Mysuru, Dec.21( MTY &SR)- The death toll in the Temple prasadam poisoning tragedy has risen to 16 following the death of Nagesh of Sulwadi village here this morning.

*Deceased Nagesh*

Nagesh (45), son of Madaiah breathed his last unable to respond to the treatment at JSS hospital.

He was shifted to JSS Hospital on a ventilator after he developed health complications from K. R. Hospital few days back.

Nagesh who is said to be a close relative of one of the Temple trustee Chinnappi was offered prasadam when he was taking goats and sheep to graze. He is survived by his wife Mahadevamma and four daughters. Nagesh owns no land and any property except a house.

Hanur MLA R. Narendra, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner B.B. Cauvery, ADC C.L Ananda, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, District Surgeon Dr. Raghuram and others visited K.R. Hospital mortuary.

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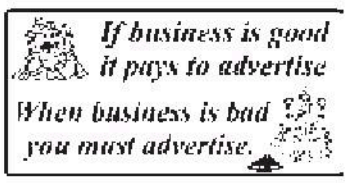


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## Four-Day Invitation Cup 2018 Hockey

# Hockey Coorg enters semi-finals

***G.D. Harish Gowda** (fourth from right), **President, MCDCC Bank, who inaugurated Hockey Mysore's Invitation Cup-2018 Inter-District State-level Men's Hockey tournament at Mysore University Hockey Grounds last evening is seen with** (from left) **K.B. Dilip, Hockey Mysore President, P.M. Ganapathy** (partly seen), **Vice-President, Mandovi Motors, A.S. Manoj Kumar, Director, Brindavan Hospital, M.U. Subbaiah, Advocate and Corporator, Pavan Ranga, Director, NR Group, Rajesh Kaverappa, K.D. Kariappa, C.T. Satish, Hockey Mysore Secretary and M.P. Nanaiah, Mysore Kodava Samaja Cultural & Sports Club President.***

Mysuru, Dec.21- Hockey Coorg with two wins from their two games from Group 'A' topped the Group and entered the semi-finals in the Hockey Mysore Invitation Cup-2018 Inter-District State-level Men's Hockey tournament which began at the University of Mysore's (UoM) Hockey Grounds here on Thursday. Hockey Coorg registered wins over Hockey Bellary 7-0 and Hockey Hubli 6-1 respectively and topped Group 'A' with six points and qualified for the semi-finals.

A total of 12 district teams are taking part in the four-day tournament which is played on a league-cum-knock-out basis.

Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated by G.D. Harish Gowda, President, MCDCC Bank, by lighting the lamp. Also present were Dr. Pulikeshi Y. Shetteppanavar, Deputy Director, Department of Physical Education, UoM, Pavan Ranga, Director, NR Group, A.S. Manoj Kumar, Director, Brindavan Hospital, P.M. Ganapathy, Vice-President, Mandovi Motors, Mysuru, M.U. Subbaiah, Corporator, K.B. Dilip, President, Hockey Mysore and C.T. Satish, Secretary, Hockey Mysore. The guests were also introduced to the players of the participating teams after the inauguration. Harish Gowda and Subbaiah officially bullied off to mark the formal inauguration of the tournament.

Speaking on the occasion, Harish Gowda said that hockey needs to be promoted and more and more tournaments need to be played to give exposure to the upcoming players. Hockey, our National Game, has been popular in Kodagu and many players from there have gone on to represent our country. He assured all help from his side for conduct of more tournaments and lauded the efforts of the organisers Hockey Mysore for conducting this tournament.

**RESULTS**

League: Group A: **Hockey Coorg** 7 (Likith 7, 8, 36, Bopanna 41, 47, Chittiappa 22, Manjunath 44) bt **Hockey Bellary** 0., **Hockey Coorg** 6 (Shamanth 20, 44, Ponnanna 16, Mani 32, Cariappa 46, Chittiappa 47) bt **Hockey Hubli** 1 ( Abhishek 25).

Group B: **Hockey Tumkur** 2 (Vishwas 33, Vasanth 46) bt **Hockey Belagavi** 1 (Omkar 35).

Group C: **Hockey Gadag** 1 (M.Ravi 13) drew with **Hockey Dharwad** 1 (Rahul 9).

Group D: **Hockey Shivamogga** 1 (D.V. Srinath 25) drew with **Hockey Mangalore** 1 (P.S. Nithin 4). **Hockey Shivamogga** 8 (Kumar 20, 22, 31,49, K. Girish 6, D.V. Srinath 16, Syed Majhar 37, Suresh 48) bt **Hockey Gulbarga** 1 ( Deepak 38).

***The players of Hockey Coorg** (in blue jersey) **and Hockey Hubli seen in action in the Group 'A' league match of Hockey Mysore's Invitation Cup-2018 Inter-District State-level Hockey tournament played at the University Hockey Grounds here on Thursday evening.***

## Cricket Talk

By V.N. Prasad

# 'PAINE' & Co. inflict insinuating 'PAIN'

### on Virat & Co. — Down Under

The new pitch at the brand new stadium at Perth was not a deck reminiscent of MECCA of WACA. In fact it was a 'Grave Yard'. The old one was known for its bouncy tracks where pacers invariably made hay. The new one was softer with cracks that opened up gradually over the days. Uneven bounce caused anxiety in batsmen. Relevant is that the conditions were common to both the sides and the team that emerged triumphant was the OZs — undoubtedly. 146 runs victory over the 'Numero Uno' side in the world will pump up the Kangaroos to inflict further blows that may take away the series from us.

Redeeming feature of the test, however, was that the tacit office Nathan Lyon emerged the hero. The 'finger spinner' bowled magnificently. I loved the way he sneaked through Murali Vijay's bat & pad in the second innings. Yet again, there were no batting performances that exhibited class of international competence — barring the brilliant century of Virat. Both the sides lack the spine in 1, 2 and 3; very necessary to build the crescendo to the 5th day uncertainties.

The victory was highly predictable even before KLR and MV took the crease on day 4. It was only a question of time on the pitch that was wearing fast.

I would opt to put KLR and MV on the plane and advise them club cricket back in India. Whereas MV is in the evening of his career, KLR needs to figure out whether earnings from local cricket are good enough for sustenance or prestige of playing for the country should be prime on mind.

On the other hand, MV needs to hang up his boots. Hanuma Vihari appears in a good mould; but is psychologically constrained to play freely — thanks to the hole left behind by the earlier ones. Even Rahane fails to impress; though he may get away with flamboyance at times. In sum and substance, our top order and tail are so flappy that the middle order suffers the brunt.

Lyon was spot on when he said "The Indian selectors missed a point while picking replacement for the injured Ashwin. Kedar would have been a better choice than the erratic Umesh Yadav." We should however admit that the other pacers Bumrah, Shammi and Ishanth did a commendable job. Whereas Bumrah and Ishanth were fairly predictable, Shammi bowled rather lazily till lunch and later produced that brilliant spell after lunch on the 4th day.

The OZs, however, took advantage of the lead to seal our fate. For the OZs, Starc, Cummins and Hazzlewood were good but not the best. Our guys were none inferior. In the melee, magical Lyon stood out.

I agree with Manjrekar and Naseeruddin Shah about Virat's 'on-field' behaviour. Over reactions to dismissals, confrontation with Paine etc., were all painful to watch; though Clarke (Pup) defended Virat in the Extra Innings — Sunny and Butcher used words cautiously. Surely Ravi would have talked to him. Good Virat admitted that his wife Anushka is correcting his mistakes from time to time. The country pleads for graceful disposition of our captain — in the mould of Mahi. In fact, Paine exhibited class both in captaincy and mental balance.

Congratulations to OZs on their splendid victory. In fact their 146-run victory was more authentic than the 31-run victory of ours at Adelaide. We hope that 'Boxing Day' test will reverse sentiments and results in our favour.

# CM launches Badavara Bandhu, Kayaka Yojana Schemes

## 4.5 lakh street vendors can avail loans from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 10,000 without any collateral security

Belagavi, Dec. 21- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that his government aims to reach out to 4.5 lakh street vendors across the State through *Badavara Bandhu* interest-free loan scheme.

Launching the scheme by symbolically handing over the cheque to a few beneficiaries at the programme held at Dharmanath Bhavan here yesterday that also marked the inauguration of *Kayaka* scheme that aims to boost entrepreneurship among members of Self-Help Groups, Kumaraswamy said that *Badavara Bandhu* scheme aims to rescue street vendors from the clutches of private money lenders.

He said that the government would provide requisite training to Self-Help Group members to manufacture various products besides to create marketing opportunities and market them under *Kayaka* scheme.

The government plans to purchase the products besides comming to the support of women Self-Help Groups involved in manufacturing various products. A decision to this effect would be taken very soon. The intention behind launching these two schemes is to help poor besides helping street vendors who are living in debts and penury.

The government intends to roll out more such schemes to uplift the poor and women in coming days.

*Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy handing over a cheque to mark the launch of 'Badavara Bandhu' interest-free loan scheme in Belagavi yesterday as State Co-operation Minister Bandeppa Kashempur, members of Women Self-Help Groups and others look on.*

**Misleading:** Training his guns on Opposition BJP leaders for misleading the people on loan waiver announcement, he said that a big chunk of the farm loan waiver of Rs. 29,000 crore will go to the North Karnataka region's 12 districts including Belagavi, Gulbarga and other districts.

Of the total Rs. 46,753 crore being spent towards farm loan waiver in the State, Rs. 29,190 crore will be spent on northern region that has 12 districts. Bidar District will get Rs. 1,636 cr, Kalaburgi Rs. 3,065 cr, Yadgir Rs. 1,179 cr, Raichur Rs. 2,210 cr, Koppal Rs. 1,098 cr, Ballari district Rs. 4,719 crore, Bagalkot Rs. 3,962 cr, Vijapura Rs. 3,271 cr, Dharwad Rs. 1,854 cr, Gadag Rs. 1,815 cr and Haveri district Rs. 2,113 cr.

As against this, Old Mysore region that comprise 12 districts will get Rs. 12,073 crore, he said. Central Karnataka, which comprise three districts, will get Rs. 3,981 crore while the coastal region with three districts will receive Rs. 1,507 crore, Kumaraswamy added.

He said that there was a challenge before the government to waive Rs. 46,000 crore farmer loans, but some were carrying out a misleading campaign. The CM asked the farmers not to heed to such campaigns but have trust in the government while assuring that the government would waive farmer loans.

Despite the northern part of the State getting the maximum benefit, it was unfortunate that it was being branded that North Karnataka region was being neglected by the incumbent government.

"There is no question of government showing discrimination towards North Karnataka. I am not biased to either the Southern or Northern parts of the State. The government is committed towards the overall development of the State and working in favour of the poor and farmers. These people need not have any apprehensions in this regard", he said.

**Karnataka Model:** Kumaraswamy said that the State loan waiver scheme was a model for the entire country. Officials of various States including the Union Government were seeking information and visiting the State to study the scheme and added that the government was also working out plans towards strengthening the farmers and making them debt-free by encouraging them to adopt different agriculture models, which requires some time.

He clarified that neither himself nor his government was in favour of any particular community but was committed towards the comprehensive development of all sections of the people and the State.

Earlier, Co-operation Minister Bandeppa Kashempur said that the *Badavara Bandhu* and *Kayaka* were flagship schemes of the State Government. The interest-free loan scheme had been implemented to put a check on the meter-interest menace, he added. Under the scheme, street vendors would get loans from Rs 2,000 to Rs. 10,000 without any collateral security while 4.5 lakh street vendors would be benefited.

*Kayaka* scheme had been introduced to empower the women Self-Help Groups under which, interest-free loans up to Rs. 5 lakh would be provided. The scheme has drawn inspiration from the *Kayaka* principle (principle of hard work) of 12th-century reformers including Basavanna, he said.

Ministers S.R. Mahesh, Srinivas and Venkatrao Nadagouda, Belagavi Mayor Basappa Chikkaldinni and officials of various departments were present.

# House burglar arrested

## Gold ornaments worth about Rs. 1.8 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Dec. 21(KS) - Mandi Police, who conducted an operation in front of a pawn broker shop on Ashoka Road on Dec. 12, have arrested a person and recovered a gold chain from him.

The arrested is 30-year-old Nanjunda, a resident of Rajaji Colony in Nanjangud.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of burgling one house on Mandi Police limits and two houses in Hassan Police limits. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered 68 grams gold ornaments worth about Rs. 1,80,500 from him.

N.R. Sub-Division ACP C. Gopal, supervised N.R. Inspector L. Arun, ASIs K.S. Guruswamy and M. Basavaraju and staff S. Jayakumar, Jayapal, M. Eliyaz, Ravigowda, Shankar T. Bandiwaddar and Harish in the nabbing and recovery operation, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

# Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (KS)- The Nazarbad Police, on Dec. 18 at about 8 am, found a body of an unidentified person aged about 45 years on the footpath to the south of Government Guest House in city.

The unidentified person is 5.2 ft. tall, well built, oily red complexioned, oval faced, has an old scar on his right leg, has a wound between two fingers of his right hand and was found wearing a white and light blue coloured full arm shirt and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph; 0821-2418308 or 2418508 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Station House Officer, Nazarbad Police Station, Mysuru.

# Woman's gold chain snatched

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (YDS&KS) - A bike borne miscreant has reportedly snatched a gold chain of a woman in city on Wednesday afternoon.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 50-year-old Geetha, a resident of Kuvempunagar in city.

On Wednesday afternoon, Geetha was proceeding near Masanikamma Temple, when the bike-borne miscreant came from behind, snatched her 50 grams gold chain worth about Rs. 1.20 lakh. A case has been registered at Ashokapuram Police Station.

# Obituary

**Kantha Rajagopal**

Mysuru, Dec.21- Kantha Rajagopal (69), State Executive Committee Member of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha, President of Vaishnavi Seva Samaja and a resident of Sunnadakeri here, passed away last evening at a private hospital following brief illness.

She leaves behind son Chakrapani, daughter Lakshmi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this noon at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

**K. Mariyappa**

K. Mariyappa (75), a milk distributor and a resident of Krishna Rice Mill road in Chamaraja Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this afternoon at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Epitome

**Pronunciation:** Ih-PIT-uh-mee.

**Meaning:** A typical or ideal example, a brief presentation.
**Origin:** Epitome first appeared in print in 1520, when it was used to mean "summary." If someone asks to summarize a long paper, effectively cut it up, mentioning only the most important ideas in one's synopsis, and the etymology of epitome reflects this process. The word descends from Greek epitemnein, meaning "to cut short," which in turn was formed from the prefix epi- and the verb temnein, which means "to cut." The summary probably also presents all the key points of the original work, which may explain why epitome eventually came to be used for any person or object that is a clear or good example of an abstraction.
**Example:** I really want to make movies about tangible, complicated love, and I think the epitome of love is family love.

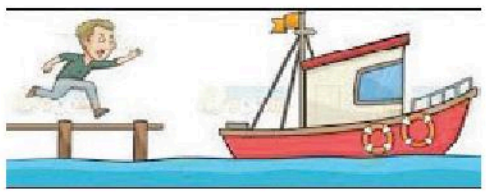
## THE ODD WORD

### Empasm

A perfumed powder sprinkled on the body to prevent sweating or for medicinal purposes.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Miss the boat



**Meaning:** To miss an opportunity, to lose the chance to do.
**Origin:** This expression has its origins in the 1900s. The saying "miss the boat" obviously began as a literal expression of arriving too late to travel as scheduled on a boat. It developed from sailors using the expression about travel and spread from there. This developed into an expression meaning that you had a good chance or opportunity but for some reason you did not take advantage of it. Another version you may hear with the same meaning is 'I missed the bus!' It is an informal expression commonly used in spoken English, try to use it today!
**Example:** John missed the boat when he did not apply for the job in time.

## QUOTE BOX

The person who reads too much and uses his brain too little will fall into lazy habits of thinking. **—Albert Einstein**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

*Answer: Mixed emotions.*

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 5 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Indian Medical Association, acronym?
4 __ avis: the rare mythical bird?
8 Aircraft-On-Ground
11 No obj. cert.
12 Aphorism, gospel or truism
14 Large, abbr.
15 North North East
16 Reproduce by asexual means
17 Aussie cricketers Brett or Shane
18 To carry away
20 WWI German admiral
22 Murky fog
24 Tests ore for quality
26 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
27 Make active again
28 The rebel Guevara's Christian name
29 Christ
30 Inlet for "air" change!
33 Get a discharge from the army?
34 County between the Thames and Sussex
35 India's cricket trophy
37 Deciduous trees of the genus Quercus
38 Name of sea forming north-eastern arm of Black Sea
39 ___ a call: visited?
41 Printed wire board
42 Relieves pain
45 IIM grad
48 Vane letters
49 Leather sharpener?
50 Charged particle
51 Call for an answer to or about
52 Indefinitely long periods of time
53 A child's plaything

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:**

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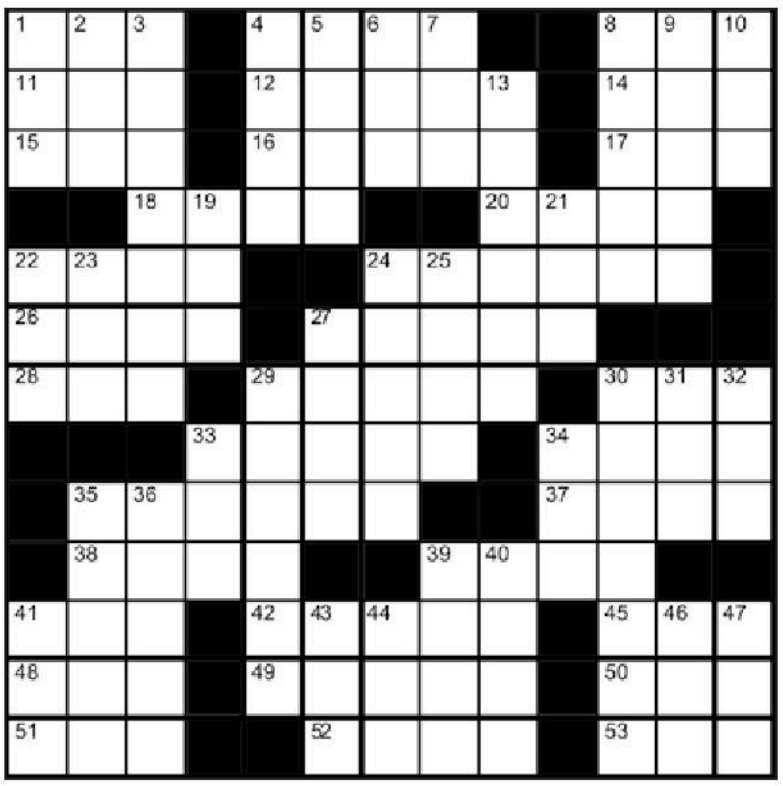
**DOWN**

1 Auberge
2 "My" in French ?
3 Organic solvent used as nail-polish remover
4 Somewhere to put your luggage
5 Spindle, revolving shaft
6 SA river ___ Grande
7 Activity on Node, abbr.
8 Blind ____ : cul-de-sac?
9 Double curves
10 A horsy command?
13 Confuses or mixes up
19 Turkish military leader
21 Foot of an animal
22 A cavity or pouch in the body
23 Speed measure, in short
24 Greek fable-writer
25 Cold-shoulder
27 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
29 Wodehouse's famous valet
30 Take in again or allow to enter again
31 Marking fluid
32 Air Transport Sys.
33 Dead Letter Off.
34 Colourful Japanese carp
35 Occurs or begins
36 Native of a former Soviet Central Asian republic
39 Office boy
40 Poisonous snakes
41 Small, round, edible and green?
43 Consumed - "tea" anagram?
44 Standing Room Only, abbr.
46 Jeer or deride
47 One, no matter which



## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**YZD PDKM ZDPF HL KMNKQL K ZDPF UQ AHLYKRD; ZD TPDKAL**

**FS UDHOJ KO ZFODLY BFNKPT MHRD DEDPQUFTQ DMLD**

**TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS G**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** The only winner in the War of 1812 was Tchaikovsky.

# NOW SHOWING

| Movie | Theatre | Phone | Shows |
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| **KANNADA** | | | |
| *KGF* | Saraswathi | 2541451 | 4 Shows |
| | Shanthala | 2427584 | 4 Shows |
| | Mahadeshwara | 9986022634 | 4 Shows |
| | Sangam | 2520494 | 4 Shows |
| | Lido | 2420885 | 4 Shows |
| *Orange* | Gayathri | 2443568 | 4 Shows |
| *Viraj* | Lakshmi | 2443584 | 4 Shows |
| *Viraj* | Olympia | 2420737 | 4 Shows |
| **HINDI** | | | |
| *Zero* | Sri Nagaraj | 2520490 | 4 Shows |
| | Balaji Deluxe | 2497199 | 4 Shows |
| | Prabha | 2423569 | 4 Shows |
| | Sterling | 2481170 | 4 Shows |
| **TAMIL** | | | |
| *Adanga Maru* | Rajkamal | 2423554 | 4 Shows |
| | Skyline | 2481170 | 4 Shows |
| Mari-2 | Thibbadevi | 2452958 | 4 Shows |
| | Padma | 2521923 | 4 Shows |
| | Woodlands | 2422871 | 4 Shows |
| ..... | Uma | 2520009 | 4 Shows |

## DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

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| *Zero (H)* | (S-1) 10.05 am, 1.10 pm 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-2) 4.00 pm |
| *Aquaman (3D-E)* | (S-1) 4.15 pm |
| *Mari-2 (Ta)* | (S-2) 10.25 am, 7.05 pm |
| *Kanaa (Ta)* | (S-2) 1.15 pm |
| *KGF (K)* | (S-2) 9.55 pm |
| | (S-3) 10.15 am |
| | (S-4) 10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00pm,7.00pm,9.55pm |
| *Seethakaathi (Ta)* | (S-3) 1.00 pm |
| *Adanga Maru (Ta)* | (S-3) 4.15 pm |
| *Padi Padi Leche Manasu (Te)* | (S-3) 7.05 pm |
| *Antariskham (Te)* | (S-3) 9.55 pm |

## INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

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| *KGF (K)* | 11.30 am, 3.35 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 9.45 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Kanaa (Ta)* | 12.30 pm |
| *Padi Padi Leche Manasu (Te)* | 12.30 pm |
| *Zero (H)* | 2.15 pm, 5.35 pm, 9.00 pm |
| *Aquaman -3D (E)* | 2.50 pm |
| *Adanga Maru (Ta)* | 3.45 pm |
| *Antariksham (Te)* | 6.45 pm |
| *Maari 2 (Ta)* | 6.45 pm |

## PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

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| *KGF (Ka)* | 11.15 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Zero (H)* | 11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Seethakaathi (Ta)* | 12.05 pm |
| *Adanga Maru (Ta)* | 2.30 pm |
| *Kanaa (Ta)* | 3.40 pm |
| *Padi Padi Leche Manasu (Te)* | 5.40 pm |
| *Antariksham (Te)* | 6.50 pm |
| *Maari 2 (Ta)* | 9.50 pm |

**NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.**

# EVENTS TODAY (DEC.21)

**Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama:** Dattatreya Jayanti celebrations, Rudraksha Rathotsava of Dattatreya Swamy, **4 pm;** Lecture on Music Therapy by Shymala Mrutinti, USA, **6 pm;** Bhajans by Pujya Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, **7 pm.**

**Pramati Hillview Academy:** Pramati Uthsava-2018, actress Vinaya Prakash and dancer Kripa Phadke guests, Kalamandira, **and 5 pm to 9 pm.**

**Maharshi Institution:** Annual Day celebrations, Sri 108 Vithal Teertha Swamiji presides, Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, Maharshi School premises, **4 pm.**

**Dayananda Arya Vidya (DAV) Public School:** Shishirotsava, 16th School Anniversary celebrations, NIE Indoor Stadium, **4.30 pm.**

**Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programme, Devaranama by Hasanmukhi Bhajana Mandali troupe, **5 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Manamohana Krishna, USA and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

**Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Moola Mahabharata' by Vid. Be.Na. Vijayendracharya, Mutt premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

**Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** 32nd Edition of Parangathotsava-2018, Usha Char, Musicologist and Art Patron, USA, inaugurates, Felicitated to Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma along with Usha Char for their yeomen service to art and Indian culture, 'Talavadya' programme by Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma and party, K.V. Murthy, President of VPAC, presides, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

**Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

**Ganabharathi:** Veena Vidushi Chokkamma Memorial Concert by Vid. Krishnamurthy, Vid. Vijayasurya and Vid. K. Chetan on Nagaswara, accompanied by Vid. Puttaswamy and Vid. P. Shivu on Tavil, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempungar, **6 pm.**

**Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 18th annual Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, Devaranama by Hamsadhwani Kalanikethana, Mysuru, **6 pm;** Music programme by Swara Sangama Puttaswamy troupe, **7 pm.**

**Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla:** Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

**Chinmaya Mission:** Datta Jayanti Mahotsava, Gita Jnana Yajna by Swami Aparajitanandaji on Bhagavad Gita, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sri Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

**Discourse:** Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

**Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

**Kalasuruchi:** Staging of play 'Vaishaliyolagondamma,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

# EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.22)

**Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama:** Dattatreya Jayanti celebrations, Pavamana Homa and Dattatreya Homa, **7 am;** Sri Chakra Puja and Puja to Moola Virat Dattatreya Swamy, **9 am;** Sahasra Kalasha Tailabhisheka to Dattatreya by devotees, **10 am;** Namasankeertana by Kochi Ashram Bhajan group; Anagha Vratam in Nada Mantapa, **11 am;** Teppotsavam of Lord Dattatreya in Saptarshi Sarovara, **7 pm;** Kakadarati to Lord Dattatreya in Nada Mantapa, Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

**Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad:** Inauguration of Mega Blood Donation Drive by **Yaduveer Wadiyar,** Terapanth Bhavan, M.G. Road, **8.30 am.**

**Frosting:** Inauguration of 'Cake Exhibition & Food De France' by **Yaduveer Wadiyar** and Aparna Ranga at Frosting, # 2649, 2nd Main Road, Medar Block, Vani Vilas Mohalla, **10 am.**

**Department of Mathematics, University of Mysore (UoM):** National Mathematics Day, Special Lecture by Prof. S. Bhargava, retired Professor and Chairman of DoS in Mathematics, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of UoM, presides, Seminar Hall, Department of Mathematics, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

**Kautilya Vidyalaya:** Kautilya Sadagara, Annual Day and Ajjanondige Hejje Ajjiyondige Gejje (Grandparents' Fest), KPA Director Vipul Kumar chief guest, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) Founder-President Bhami V. Shenoy guest of honour, Kautilya Vidyalaya Chairman R. Raghu presides, Kalamandira, Vinoba Road, **3 pm.**

**Genius College:** GENERIX-2018, Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet and Cultural Programme, Fashion Show, valedictory and prize distribution, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda and Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. J. Somashekar chief guests, Sharadanikethana Education Society and Genius College President G. Prabhu presides, Jal Mahal Resort, Bannur Road, **4 pm.**

**Maharshi Institution:** Annual Day celebrations, special programme - Dance Drama 'Lakshmi Narasimham,' Maharshi School premises, **4 pm.**

**KNC Innovative PU College, Hebbal Industrial Area, Infosys Road:** 4th Annual Day celebration, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering Principal Dr. B. Sadashivegowda, Personality Development Trainer Bheemaraju Eeregowda and young scientist N.M. Prathap chief guests, KNCIGS & PU College Chairman Dr. K.N. Chandrashekar presides, College premises, **4.45 pm.**

**Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programme, Annammaiah Keerthane by Anusuya and troupe, Nagamangala, **5 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Sharath Rao and troupe, USA and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

**Mysore Palace Board:** Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Palace Flower Show, Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, Minister S.R. Mahesh guest of honour, MLA S.A. Ramdas presides, Palace premises, **5 pm;** Doll Show, Photo Expo, **10 am to 8.30 pm;** Illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

**Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Moola Mahabharata' by Vid. Be.Na. Vijayendracharya, Mutt premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

**Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** 32nd Edition of Parangathotsava-2018, chief guest Pt. Indudhar Nirodi felicitates Pt. Parameshwara Hegde, Hindustani Classical Music by Pt. Parameshwara Hegde, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

**Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

**Suttur Mutt, Mysuru branch:** Moonlight Music-207, vocal recital by Vidu. Usha Hunagund (America), accompanied by Vid. Prithvi Bhaskar (violin) and Vid. P.S. Sridhar (mridanga) and Vid. Ajay (ghata), Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

**Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 18th annual Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, Devaranama by Sharada Bhajana Mandali, Mysuru; Mass Satyanarayana Puja, **6 pm.**

**Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla:** Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

**Chinmaya Mission:** Datta Jayanti Mahotsava, Gita Jnana Yajna by Swami Aparajitanandaji on Bhagavad Gita, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sri Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

**Discourse:** Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

**Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Nenapadalu Shakuntale,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

**Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

**Sri Shiradi Sai Sevashrama Trust, Hebbal 2nd Stage, near Mayura Circle:** Datta Sai Puja, **7 pm to 10 pm.**

# Entries invited for Cake, Food Festival; Chitra Santhe

Mysuru, Dec. 21- The Department of Food and Civil Supplies has invited applications from bakeries, ice-cream parlours, chats and other snacks shop-owners to set up their stalls at the Cake and Food festival organised as part of Winter Festival in city.

The Department has organised a three-day Cake and Food festival from Dec. 26 to 28 at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantap on Udayaravi Road, Kuvempunagar.

A preliminary meeting to discuss the preparations of the festival will be held on Dec. 22 at 4 pm at the Office of Deputy Commissioner. Those interested may register their names before Dec. 22 by 3 pm and also attend the meeting. Travel Agents and Sponsors can also take part in the meeting. For details, contact Joint Director of Food and Civil Supplies, Mysuru.

**Chitra Santhe on Dec. 30**

The Department of Tourism too has invited entries from artists for display of their art works at the Chitra Santhe on Dec. 30 from 8 am to 5 pm on Krishnaraja Boulevard organised as part of Winter Festival by District Administration. Those interested may contact the Deputy Director of Tourism Department at #2, Hotel Mayura Hoysala Complex, JLB Road, Mysuru or Ph: 0821-2422096, according to a press release.

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